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SUBJECT: HEALTH EFFECTS OF POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC) PACKAGING
AND VINYL CHLORIDE MONOMER (VC)

REF: (A) STATE 263361 (B) STATE 263360 (C) EC A-357

1. WE DISCUSSED SUBJECT MATTER (REF A) WITH OFFICIALS OF
EC COMMISSION DIRECTORATES-GENERAL (DG) III (INDUSTRIAL AND TECH-
NOLOGICAL AFFAIRS: MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, CHEMICALS, TEXTILES
AND FOOD DIVISION); DG V (SOCIAL AFFAIRS: INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND
MEDICINE DIVISION); AND DG VI (AGRICULTURE: AGRICULTURAL LEG-
ISLATION DIVISION).

2. RESEARCH BY DG III TO SEEK REPLACEMENT SUBSTANCES FOR VC
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AS A FACTORY AIR POLLUTION SOURCE HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY

ABANDONED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT FUNDING.

3. DG V APPEARS TO HAVE THE ONLY ON-GOING PROJECT IN THE COMMISSION. DG V HAS BEEN MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS TO ESTABLISH AT LEAST "GUIDELINE" AND, EVENTUALLY, FIXED "MAXIMUM ADMISSIBLEVALUES", FOR VC LEVELS IN FACTORY AIR. THE MOST RECENT SUCH MEETING WAS IN MID-OCTOBER. THE NEXT IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY 1975, WHEN DG V DELEGATES EXPECT TO PROPOSE SUCH A LEVEL FOR INDUSTRY'S CONSIDERATION. BASED ON ENSUING COMMENTS, DG V THEN WILL PROPOSE COMMUNITY LEGISLATION, PERHAPS RECOMMENDING INDUSTRIAL ACTION FOR CONTROLLING VC LEVELS IN FACTORIES.

4. DG VI IS PREPARING A DRAFT (REF. C) ON A COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO THE COUNCIL FOR A DIRECTIVE CONCERNING PACKAGING SUBSTANCES COMING INTO CONTACT WITH FOOD. PVC IS HIGH IN PRIORITY ON THE LIST OF SUCH SUBSTANCES FOR STUDY.

5. THE INFORMATION IN REF. B HAS BEEN PASSED ON TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF DG'S III, V AND VI. GREENWALD

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